

No Time Like Now

We, too often it seems to me, make excuses for not doing what we should be doing or to put it another way, we find excuses for not living life where we are to the fullest. A quote attributed to Father Alfred D'Souza in the book "Sam's Letters To Jennifer" says "For a long time it has seemed to me that life was about to begin---real life---But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be got through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life."

We find ourselves thinking, if only I didn't have this or that to deal with; if only this part of my life could be different; sometimes even if I could be in a different place, with someone different; if all of these obstacles were not in my way, then I could really begin to live, to make a difference, to contribute something to my world. So many people sit idly by waiting for just the right opportunity or just the right time. They feel they are just on the verge of a breakthrough of some sort.

No matter what the obstacles of your life; no matter what the perceived burdens or the "crosses you feel you have to bear." ,there is no time like now to make your contribution, to change what needs to be changed, to impact your world---the burdens, the obstacles, the circumstances of your life ---these are your life today, right now. That breakthrough, that change, that new place, new people, etc. etc. may never happen, but you have today, right now. Don't wait for the circumstances of your life to be just right so that you can be happy and fulfilled. Take the circumstances of your life and be happy with them because today, right now---this is your life. Make the most of it. Danny Kaye was quoted as saying, "Life is a great Big Canvas. Throw all the paint you can at it."